56820-2

H200.265P (Rev. 5-86)

HEALTH PROFILES FOR PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES

Westmoreland

1986

State Health Data Center

Dick Thornburgh, *Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania*
H. Arnold Muller, M.D., *Secretary of Health*

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has a legislative mandate to "protect the health of the people of the Commonwealth and to determine the most efficient and practical means for the prevention and suppression of disease." In order to advance toward these goals, we need statistical information on the health status of the population, the health care delivery system, and demographic and population characteristics.

The first health profiles were published in 1977 to provide a compendium of health data. These profiles have been updated and revised biennially, starting in 1978, to better meet the needs of governmental leaders, health program specialists, state and local planners, and concerned citizens.

The Health Profiles for Pennsylvania Counties are a series of 68 individual profiles - one for each county and one for the Commonwealth. The most recent information available was used. The year which the data represents is included in the profiles following each data item. Estimated population figures for 1984 are used throughout the profiles for the listed population as well as in the computation of all rates.

The major data source is the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health - specifically the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, the Annual Hospital and Long Term Care Questionnaires, the Uniform Data Collection System for drug and alcohol information and the Developmental Disabilities Facility Questionnaire as funded by the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. Additional sources include other units of the Department, (i.e. the Bureaus of Quality Assurance, Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, and Special Public Health Services), Pennsylvania State Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Pennsylvania Office of Employment Security and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The profiles will continue to be updated biennially, with the next edition available in 1988. Comments and suggestions for improvement are welcome. If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please contact the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108, telephone number (717) 783-2548.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

1. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Total Land Area in Square Miles	1,024	Median Age of Population (1980)	33.0
Estimated Population (1984)	386,598	% Population Urban (1980)	64.6
Population per Square Mile (1984)	378	Per Capita Personal Income (1983)	$10,822
% Population Change 1980 to 1984	- 1.5	% of Population Receiving Cash Assistance (1985)	5.4
Projected Population (1990)	380,752	% of Labor Force Unemployed-Annual Average (1985)	11.1
% Population Change 1980 to 1990	- 2.9	% of Pop. Eligible for Medical Assistance (1985)	9.0

Estimated Population by Age and Sex (1984)

AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
ALL AGES	386,598	186,841	199,757	35-44	50,122	24,603	25,519
0-4	25,013	12,814	12,199	45-54	39,657	18,988	20,669
5-14	52,390	26,828	25,562	55-64	44,824	20,925	23,899
15-24	58,777	29,728	29,049	65+	54,198	22,119	32,079
25-34	61,617	30,836	30,781				

2. MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES (1984)

Number of Marriages	2,902	Number of Divorces	1,059
Rate per 1,000 Population	7.5	Rate per 1,000 Population	2.7
Median Age of Bride	24	Median Age of Wife	32
Median Age of Groom	26	Median Age of Husband	34

3. NATALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Births	4,397
Rate per 1,000 Population	11.4
Median Age of Mother	26
% Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams)	6.5

Resident Births by Age of Mother, Number and Percent (1984)

AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT	AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT
ALL AGES	4,397	100.0	30-34	940	21.4
UNDER 15	5	0.1	35-39	214	4.9
15-19	411	9.4	40-44	19	0.4
20-24	1,217	27.7	45+	2	0.0
25-29	1,589	36.1	UNKNOWN	0	—

4. MORBIDITY (1985)

Incidence of Notifiable Diseases

Gonorrhea	98	Meningitis: Aseptic	10	Salmonellosis	60
Hepatitis: Type A	12	Meningitis: Meningococcal	5	Shigellosis	4
Hepatitis: Type B	21	Mumps	5	Syphilis	0
Hepatitis: Unspecified	3	Rubella	0	Tuberculosis	13
Hepatitis: Non-A/Non-B	9				

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

5. MORTALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Deaths	3,867	Number of Resident Infant Deaths	44
Crude Rate per 1,000 Population	10.0	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	10.0
Median Age at Death	73.7	Number of Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Accidents in Which Driver Had Been Drinking	45

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Number and Percent (1984)

All Ages			Under 5 Years of Age			5-24 Years of Age		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Heart Disease	1,651	42.7	Perinatal Conditions	27	57.4	Accidents, All Forms	36	57.1
Cancer	884	22.9	Congenital Anomalies	12	25.5	Suicide	14	22.2
Cerebrovascular Disease	239	6.2	Accidents, All Forms	2	4.3	Cancer	2	3.2
Accidents, All Forms	170	4.4	Meningitis	2	4.3	Homicide	2	3.2
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	118	3.1	Heart Disease	1	2.1	Benign Neoplasms	2	3.2
All Other	805	20.8	All Other	3	6.4	All Other	7	11.1
TOTAL	3,867	100.0	TOTAL	47	100.0	TOTAL	63	100.0

25-44 Years of Age			45-64 Years of Age			65 Years of Age and Over		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Accidents, All Forms	46	29.3	Heart Disease	280	36.4	Heart Disease	1,336	47.2
Heart Disease	33	21.0	Cancer	268	34.9	Cancer	583	20.6
Cancer	31	19.7	Cerebrovascular Disease	34	4.4	Cerebrovascular Disease	200	7.1
Suicide	17	10.8	Accidents, All Forms	27	3.5	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	104	3.7
Cerebrovascular Disease	4	2.5	Diabetes Mellitus	19	2.5	Diabetes Mellitus	71	2.5
All Other	26	16.6	All Other	141	18.3	All Other	537	19.0
TOTAL	157	100.0	TOTAL	769	100.0	TOTAL	2,831	100.0

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES

1. HOSPITALS (1985)

Number of Hospitals by Type:

Total	General Acute Care	Psychiatric	Rehabilitation	Federal	Other
8	7	1	0	0	0

Number of General Hospitals with the Following Ambulatory Care Services/Facilities:

Community Mental Health Center	2	Structured Clinics	5	Emergency Services Capability:			
Home Health Service	1	Family Practice Center	2	Limited	1	General	6
				Basic	0	Comprehensive	0

Number of General/Specialty Hospitals with Neonatal Units:

Well Infant Nursery	6	Neonatal Intermediate Care Unit	0	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	0

General Hospitals:	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.	Specialty and Federal Hospitals:	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	1,464	3.8	Beds Set Up & Staffed	382	1.0
Admissions	58,153	150.4	Admissions	273	0.7

Average General Hospital Semi-Private Daily Room Rate $245

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES (Continued)

2. NURSING HOMES [1984]

Licensed/Approved Facilities by Level of Care and Certification

Type of Facility	Total	Certified-Medicare	Certified-Medicaid
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	6	4	4
Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)	1	0	1
SNF/ICF Combined Facility	9	8	9
TOTAL	16	12	14

Level of Care	Number of Licensed/ Approved Beds	Number per 1,000 Population Aged 65 and Over
Skilled	1,514	27.9
Intermediate	681	12.6
Total (SNF + ICF)	2,195	40.5

Median Age of Residents in Long Term Care Facilities 81.5

Median Semi-Private Daily Room Rate
Skilled $63
Intermediate $53

3. OTHER HEALTH SERVICES/FACILITIES

a. Drug and Alcohol Treatment [1985]

Admissions to State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities

Number of Facilities	Total Admissions	Primary Diagnosis: Drug Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Alcohol Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Other*	Percent First Admissions
6	351	101	233	17	61.7

Number of State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities Providing Specified Services

Inpatient Non-Hospital	Inpatient Hospital	Correctional Institution	Partial Hospitalization	Outpatient	Shelter
1	2	0	0	3	0

*Includes family members receiving counseling.

b. Emergency Health Services [1985]

Certified Emergency Medical Technicians	1,596	Certified Paramedics I	225
Ambulance Providers	37	Certified Paramedics II	129

c. Agencies/Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled [1983]

Total Number of Agencies/Facilities 9

Total Serving the Following Disabilities:

Mental Retardation	8	Autism	9	Muscular Dystrophy	8
Cerebral Palsy	8	Learning Disabilities	8	Other	8
Epilepsy	8	Multiple Sclerosis	8		

d. Primary Health Care Centers [1985]

Number of Agencies 2

e. Licensed Boarding Homes [1985]

Number of Homes 48